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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Nets are conducted weekly. Schedules, frequencies and Net Control Stations are listed on the last page of the BLURB. Nets are informal with control stations serving on a rotating basis.

The Philmont Mobile Radio Club meets on the first Monday of each month at the Franklin Institute, 20th and Parkway, Philadelphia. Meetings begin at 8:00 PM and visitors are always welcome.

PREZ SEZ

A subject of great importance has just been brought to my attention and I feel that it deserves consideration in this column. Involvement.

Every good club is nourished by member involvement and certainly Philmont is tops in this ingredient.

There are many, many activities within the club that require full participation, but not necessarily total involvement. To be involved is to reflect on, think about, work with, come up with new ideas for, and to relive every day, your subject. Many members of our great club are totally involved and few of us really know how deeply that involvement lies within the very fibre of these people.

Unless you know the history of some of these wonderful people and what really makes them as they are, a relative newcomer could make some serious mistakes in judgment concerning the very intensity of this involvement. In a desire to promote more participation from new, as well as old, time members I might have been guilty of this very thing. The last thing in the world I want to do for Philmont is to cause those who have been loyal and totally involved a feeling of not being appreciated for their efforts.

My real desire is to allow others who have not yet had the opportunity to share some of those experiences of fulfilment that you, the long time, loyal Philmonters, enjoyed all these years.

There is plenty of room for everyone to share in these activities at Philmont, so when you see the need to speak out, join in, share the task of fulfilment, get totally involved and feel satisfaction you've never felt before. Involvement/

Remember.....Individual effort is needed for team success.

73

Jake, AK2I

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Thoughts to live by.....

"Give a dog a bad name and he'll like it as well as Fido"

"Little things come in small packages"

"The hand that turns the doorknob opens the door"

Tnx to W3VVS

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## PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 2 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM  
Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday  
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day  
Feb. 16 Washington's Birthday (Observed)  
Feb. 18 Director's Meeting, W3IRS, 8:00 PM  
Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday (Traditional)  
Feb. 26 BLURB folding at W3BBB, 7:15 PM

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## MEETING REPORTS

December Director's Meeting: Held at the home of WB3CMM this meeting was largely devoted to preparing for the new year and the new officers. W3AWG brought up the matter of printing the BLURB and some discussion took place on whether any change in the current procedure was in order. Any action necessary has been deferred for the present.

Midmonth meeting assignments were solicited and a list of the hosts for 1981 appears elsewhere in this issue.

Al, W3HYU, and Ed, W3QC, were elected to membership in the club.

Upon conclusion of the business meeting the assembled multitude partook of some very fine refreshments provided by Bill and Pat.

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January Regular Meeting: Authoritatively clutching the gavel, our new Prez, AK2I, started his year by opening the meeting only three minutes late. The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and accepted. Other business included some discussion of newly formed committees, the resignation of K3KUD as Editor, and the official crowning of Arnie, WB2LGY, as The Imperial Wizard.

The program for the evening was presented by Jim Spencer, W3BBB, and consisted of a slide presentation about Philmont's various communication vehicles, including MOCOM V.

At the conclusion of the formal meeting the 46 members and 8 visitors present enjoyed the usual refreshments and social time.

Tnx to N3ATR

## SWAP AND SHOP

For sale: Drake TR-4C Sideband Transceiver, 80-10 meters \$399.00  
Drake RV-4C Remote VFO 90.00  
Drake TR-22C 2-meter FM transceiver w/manual  
including 12 crystals 115.00

Contact Al Gaskill, W3JWF  
(215) 744-7748

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For sale: DSI Frequency Counter, 50Hz-500MHz; w/antenna  
and power supply 70.00  
  
Old Supreme oscilloscope (tube type) in good  
working order. 20.00  
  
Pocket scanner (4-channel) 148-174 MHz;  
450-512 MHz. Brand new. 40.00  
  
(2) 11-element, fully assembled Cushcraft  
2-meter antennas. (1) vertically polarized,  
(1) horizontally polarized. 20.00  
each

Contact Jake Kovalchek, AK2I

AK2I also has available approximately 800 feet of RG-8/U which he will  
gladly share at no cost. Contact him for more information.

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## MIDMONTH (DIRECTOR'S) MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1981

January	K3PHC	July	WA3KLR
February		August	
March	W3SRU	September	W3GIF
April		October	W3ZPP
May <i>20th</i>	W3UY	November	
June <i>17th</i>	W3AA	December	AK2I

Note: April meeting will be preceded by Annual Stag-Nite Dinner.

## DX CORNER

CQ DX, CQ DX, CQ DX. OK fellows, let's fire up the beasts and go after that DX.....try it, you'll like it!

Here is a list of the major nets in operation at this time:

DK2OC Net	28750	1200z
Afrikaner Group	21355	1700z
W7PHO Family Hour	21345	2330z
W7PHO Family Hour	14225	2300z
YL Sideband System	14331	All day

(Members and non-members are invited to check-in)

Additional information on nets will be furnished as they are established.

Upcoming Expeditions: K4YT expects to operate the following calls, in their respective countries, commencing in the latter part of January, 1981; 5T5DX; 6W8JO; C5ACO; D4CAD.

KP2A expects to set up an Aisian expedition in the Fall. This should be a big one with 5 to 9 operators.....so tune up!

The following stations were heard recently on 10-meters: FGØ FOL/FS; CO2OM; WN4FVU/2A; CT3AR; KH6GB/KH9.  
Listen for a 3X on 10-meters around 28735.

## QSL Managers List

If you are having a problem locating a QSL Manager, call me and I may be able to help. I maintain a complete (almost) list of QSL Managers.

That's it for now but we'll have more coming your way in future BLURBS.

73 es Good DX  
de N3ADI

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Commodore International Ltd., a small-computer manufacturer based in Valley Forge, PA recently unveiled their new low-priced personal computer, the VIC-20. Priced at \$299.00 the computer is expected to provide strong competition for the Radio Shack and Apple computers currently on the market.

The computer connects to any television set to provide video display. The display is in color and emits sound. The computer can also be linked by telephone to a central data bank. Plug-in cartridges are available which will prepare tax forms, with others which will play games. The company expects to sell 100,000 units in 1981.

## REPEATER NOTES

On several occasions I have been asked to reprint or review a copy of various Repeater Rules from other groups. I have sidestepped the job because I felt our repeater was simple enough that it did not require a set of instructions and that our members were hep enough to make the system work. I still feel the same way, but bow to cooler heads who contend that some guidelines are necessary.

If you have an emergency situation:

1. Declare **EMERGENCY** when calling. Many monitors simply do not have the time to make a QSO with everybody on the repeater, but they will immediately answer an emergency call.
2. Slow down and **THINK**.
3. Give accurate location, type of emergency, possible injuries, name of police department needed and their phone number if possible. Be sure the monitor has copied!
4. Make very short transmissions to allow the monitor to fill your information.
5. If possible, stay on the scene until police arrive and make yourself known.
6. Don't move injured.  
Assist police only when requested.  
Stay out of the way.  
**THINK!**

For general repeater operation:

- a. W3QV has a 2-second ON delay after any silent period of more than one minute. Hold your mike button down for 2 seconds before making the initial call.
- b. When entering a QSO have something to say. Just announcing your presence may be considered rude.
- c. Use your call for breaking in---not BREAK. Recognize breakers immediately and stand by for them as soon as possible.
- d. Wait for the courtesy tone (or bleep tone) before making your transmission in a QSO. This allows for breakers and resets the input timer.
- e. Avoid testing on repeater input frequencies.
- f. Use only the power necessary for full quieting. Find the range of your 1 or 10 watts and turn on the amplifier only when you need it.

Remember.....Philmont does not solicit funds for general repater maintenance. We are very proud of this feature. We ask only that you use the courtesy and good operating habits that you expect from others.

Additnnal copies of these suggestions will be printed for distribution to non-members using the repeater. If you get a copy in the mail, don't take it as an insult. Read it and see where you can help make this the best repeater in Philadelphia.

Jim Spencer, W3BBB

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# NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>80-meters</u>	<u>10-meters</u>	<u>2-meters</u>
1	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
8	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
15	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
22	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC

## MARCH

1	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
8	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
15	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
22	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP
29			W3BBB

## APRIL

5			WB3CMM
12			W3SRU
19			N3AVE
26			K3PHC

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## LATE SWAP AND SHOP ITEM

For Sale: Kenwood SSB Transceiver, Model TS520S with  
Kenwood digital display Model DG5. Manuals  
included. Both in excelllent condition.

\$495.00 firm

Contact Perry Blum, N3AXJ  
324=8926

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NET CONTROL FORMAT

"Good morning, this is (Call) (Name) your net control station for the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Sunday morning 2-meter net.

This net meets every Sunday morning from 0930 until 1015 through W3QV repeater for the purpose of making club announcements, passing traffic and the latest information from ARRL Bulletins, HR Reports, and local ham activities.

We welcome all amateurs, members and non-members, to check-in and participate.

Phil-Mont also has net control stations available this morning for your participation on the following frequencies:

1000 til 1015	The 'Ten On Ten' Net	29.493 MHz, AM
1015 til 1030	"	29.493 MHz, SSB
1020 til 1040	75-meter phone net	3.993 MHz, SSB
1030 til ....	CW practice net	3.610 MHz, CW

Please check-in on our CW training net on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM on W3QV repeater with AK2I and W3ETM as your net control stations."

"Information concerning membership in Phil-Mont may be obtained at our Regular Meeting on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 PM at the Franklin Institute, 20th and The Parkway, Philadelphia."

"I will now stand by for any further announcements for the net." (Take announcements)

"Is there any station with priority or emergency traffic?" (If so, pass traffic at once)

After traffic proceed with check-in. Take groups A-C; D-H; I-N; O-S; T-Z; then A-Z.

Please try to use first names whenever possible (Phil-Mont has a simplified list in alphabetical order by call which is available)

Check with W3UY for Bulletins at approximately 0945. Check with W3PWG for HR Report at approximately 0955. Pause from time to time for any additional check-ins.

At the close of the net (approximately 1015) thank all stations for checking in and give the name of next week's Net Control Station; clear the repeater and return it to normal traffic.

Tnx

WB3CMM

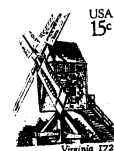
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